

SSMU GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

September 29, 2025

1. Call to Order: **19:04**

The Speaker calls the meeting to order at 19:04.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Speaker gives the land acknowledgement.

The SSMU acknowledges that McGill University is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee nations. The SSMU recognizes and respects these nations as the true and constant custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today. Further, the SSMU commits to and respects the traditional laws and customs of these territories.

L'AÉUM reconnaît que l'Université McGill est située sur le territoire traditionnel et non cédé des nations Anishinaabeg et Haudenosaunee. L'AÉUM reconnaît et respecte ces nations comme les véritables et constants gardiens des terres et des eaux sur lesquelles nous nous rencontrons aujourd'hui. En outre, l'AÉUM s'engage à respecter les lois et coutumes traditionnelles de ces territoires.

The Speaker announces that French interpretation is available at the front of the room and asks participants to announce in advance if they intend to speak in French. She outlines the procedure for motions. Members remain seated during the question period and ask questions when recognized. During discussion, in-person members queue at the podium to speak for up to one minute, while Zoom participants use the raise-hand function. Members remain seated until invited to approach. For voting, in-person members use their yellow placards and return them to a volunteer whenever they leave the room. Members raise their placards when called to vote and lower them once their votes have been counted. Zoom participants vote through a poll indicating whether they are in favour, opposed, or abstaining.

3. Adoption of the Agenda – **ADOPTED**

The agenda is distributed

The Speaker asks if there are any additions or changes to the agenda.

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Seeing none, the Speaker asks if any are opposed to the adoption of the agenda

Seeing none, the agenda has been adopted.

4. Announcements
 - a. SSMU Special Strike General Assembly Minutes 2025-03-27 (Yasmin)

Deputy Speaker Beeai announces that, due to a technical issue, no official audio or video recording is available for the previous General Assembly. The Secretariat has a Zoom-generated summary, which members may request at secretariat@ssmu.ca. Given its potential inaccuracies, official minutes for that meeting will not be published.

5. [Report of Executives](#) (President)

President Taylor presents the report of the executives.

The Speaker opens the floor to questions.

(inaudible)

The Speaker asks if there are any other questions.

Seeing none, the report is concluded.

6. [Report of the Board of Directors](#) (President)

President Taylor presents the report of the board of directors

The Speaker opens the floor to questions.

Seeing none, the report is concluded.

7. [Report of the Accountability Commissioner](#) (Jonathan Dong, Accountability Commissioner)

Accountability Commissioner Dong presents the report.

The Speaker opens the floor to questions.

Seeing none, the report is concluded.

8. Presentations
9. Question Period (5)

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(name inaudible) A member asks President Taylor when students will have access to Antidote. The response is inaudible.

(name inaudible) A member asks whether students can apply for the Vice-President Internal position.

President Taylor states that applicants must have completed at least 18 credits.

(name inaudible) In response to a question about the role and the effects of the vacancy, Taylor explains that the Vice-President Internal oversees events, communications, and relations with (inaudible).

(name inaudible) A member asks who is responsible for the agreement between CIBC and Desautels.

President Taylor's response is inaudible.

Jasper Saba asks how students can participate in and register for the announced campus debate.

Vice-President Crema Black clarifies that it is a debate between mayoral candidates for the November 2 municipal election. Students can submit questions through a Google form.

(name inaudible) A member asks about the responsibilities of the Vice-President Finance and the effects of the vacancy.

President Taylor's response is mostly inaudible.

(name inaudible) A member asks about the application process for the Board of Directors.

Parliamentarian Wang states that the Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting directors.

The remainder of the exchange is inaudible.

The Question period is concluded.

10. Motions for Approval

- a. Motion Regarding Strike for Divestment from Genocide-**APPROVED (544 in Favour, 5 Abstained, 13 Opposed)**

Moved by Sumayya Kheireddine.

Sumayya Kheireddine presents Motion 10a. She calls on McGill to divest from companies she identifies as involved in the production of weapons used in Gaza and urges members to support a strike in solidarity with Palestinians. She cites previous student policies and mobilizations, raises concerns about McGill's response to the Palestine solidarity movement, and calls for continued action toward full divestment.

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The Speaker opens the floor to questions.

(name inaudible) During the question period, a member asks what role the Union would play in seeking McGill's divestment if Motion 10a passes.

Sumayya Kheireddine states that the motion calls on the Union and students to advocate for divestment.

(name inaudible) A member asks what McGill is being asked to divest from.

Sumayya Kheireddine identifies six weapons manufacturers and McGill laboratories that collaborate with them.

Cameron Morin questions student safety.

Sumayya Kheireddine states that the proposed strike asks students not to attend class and refers members to the motion's provisions.

John (last name inaudible) moves to call the question.

The motion is seconded by (name inaudible).

With no opposition to proceeding to a vote, the motion to call the question passes.

Motion 10a is approved by placard vote with 544 in favour, 13 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

11. For Discussion

a. To be added by YOU!

12. Adjournment: **20:23**

The Speaker adjourns the meeting at 20:23.